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CONGRESSMAN LIPINSKI DELIVERS MORE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHICAGOLAND WATER PROJECTS

[WASHINGTON, DC] Congressman Bill Lipinski announced that the House Appropriations Committee has approved six important water infrastructure projects in Chicagoland totaling \$41.65 million as requested by the Congressman. Approved by the full Committee on September 5, the projects are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, a bill that funds the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"These projects will help improve our quality of life," explained Lipinski. "They will help provide important flood control benefits, protect the environment, and improve property values. I am pleased to play a lead role in securing these funds. I am committed to working to make our community an even better place to live for our families."

Lipinski is the senior Illinois member on the influential House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which has jurisdiction over the Army Corps.

The FY 2003 Energy and Water Appropriations bill includes funding for the following projects requested by Lipinski:

- \$25 million to continue construction of the Chicago Shoreline Protection Project
- \$15 million for McCook and Thornton Reservoirs
- \$600,000 for the Hofmann Dam aquatic ecosystem restoration project, Riverside
- \$400,000 for the Melvina Ditch emergency streambank protection project, Oak Lawn
- \$500,000 for the Cook County Environmental Infrastructure Program
- \$150,000 for the Illinois and Michigan Canal & Cal-Sag Channel aquatic ecosystem restoration project

The funding bill will be considered by the U.S. House of Representatives later this month.

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